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TO: DCI

FROM: NIO/China

Here is the evidence to date on Live Cattle and Cattle Semen to the PRC.

- We have noted an article in 1974 that Hereford cattle were transported by air to the PRC and also that New Zealand exported semen to China. In 1973 the Chinese, at the Canton Trade Fair, made an offer to buy breeding cattle and frozen semen for insemination of both dairy and breeding cattle. In March 1976 a source noted that the Chinese had a laboratory for preparing fozen bull semen and had recently acquired a Phillips Nitrogen Machine. Finally, we have an unconfirmed report that the Argentine Agricultural Delegation which just sold the Chinese this month 200,000 tons of wheat were also dealing in live cattle and cattle semen.

- What all this adds up to is the Chinese are in the business of getting breeding cattle and cattle semen from the West but probably in limited quantities.

Attached for your further enlightenment is an OER comment on the whole matter. This worth reading

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